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week's edition, learn about the Air Expeditionary Force stop-over at Moron Air Base, Spain. See what it takes to make this tiny base come to life every 45 days and more.

## News briefs

### Changes of command

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron change of command is Monday at 10 a.m. in building 763, the Snow Barn. Lt. Col. Kim C. Traver relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Kurt J. Kaisler.

The 606th Air Control Squadron change of command is Monday at 12:30 in Hangar 1. Lt. Col. Alfred L. Pitts relinquishes command to Lt. Col. James L. Dew Jr. A reception follows at the Spang Club.

The 52nd Services Squadron change of command is July 12 at 3 p.m. at the Spang Club. Lt. Col. John E. Povelones relinquishes command to Maj. Denise M. Hollywood. A reception follows the ceremony.

### Travel notice

Recently, the Euskadi Ta Askatasuna, a terrorist organization in northern Spain, issued statements indicating they will begin targeting the Spanish tourist industry. In the past, the ETA primarily targeted Spanish military, police and government officials. Although Americans have not been targeted in the past, they may become casualties as innocent bystanders during a terrorist attack.

People with plans to visit Spain should contact the local Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 518 at 452-6291 or 06565-616291.

### Load crew competition

The 52nd Fighter Wing Load Crew of the Quarter and Jammer Driver competitions for the second quarter are July 3, beginning at 7 a.m. The awards presentation begins at 4 p.m. in Hangar 1.

### Drinking water

A recent sampling of drinking water at Spangdahlem Air Base indicated the level of lead in the water exceeds the action level for lead.

Officials at the 52nd Medical Group's bioenvironmental engineering flight said although the problem will be lasting quite some time, there are ways to eliminate the

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June 22, 2001

Col. Ian P. O'Connell accepts control of the 52nd Support Group from Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, at the group's change of command ceremony June 14, 2001. O'Connell comes to Spangdahlem Air Base from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he was the 56th Support Group deputy commander.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

## 52nd Support Group gains new commander

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In a change of command ceremony June 14, the 52nd Support Group gained a new leader. Col. Ian P. O'Connell took the helm of the group from Col. Gregg Sanders, who left Spangdahlem Air Base to be the 51st Fighter Wing vice commander at Osan Air Base, Korea.

O'Connell comes to Spangdahlem AB from the 56th Support Group at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he was the deputy commander.

A career fighter pilot, O'Connell has actually spent the past four years in support jobs. He believes his experience in operations, as well as in support, will assist the group in supporting its primary mission.

"We have great people in the support group. They are

extremely talented and motivated to accomplish the mission," he said. "My job is to provide the guidance and support to ensure the people in the group can excel. When people know that leadership trusts them and supports them, they can and will work miracles."

O'Connell said he has simple goals for his new job - to ensure the success of the wing's flying and expeditionary missions, continue improving Spangdahlem AB and to provide outstanding support to the community.

He said he is looking forward to this new adventure.

"Before I arrived here, I knew the outstanding reputation of the wing and the group. The group is recognized Air Force-wide as outstanding. Everything I've seen since I arrived simply reinforces that."

## Geographically separated unit changes command structure

### 470th Air Base Squadron at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen realigns under 52nd Support Group

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In a ceremony Tuesday, Air Force officials streamlined a confusing command structure for the 470th Air Base Squadron, a geographically separated unit of Spangdahlem Air Base.

As the United States Air Forces in Europe component at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany, the 470th ABS and NATO Airborne Early Warning Force commanders are one in the same. A package to change that command chain was signed by the USAFE commander, according to Lt. Col. Ken Koehler, 470th ABS deputy commander.

"Previously, the unit reported directly to the 52nd Fighter Wing command staff," he said. "With the reorganization, we realign with the 52nd Support Group."

The nearly 150 members of the 470th ABS provide base support to about 450 U.S. Air Force people assigned to the

14-nation flying mission at Geilenkirchen — mirroring the services performed by the 52nd SPTG for people on Spangdahlem AB.

While transparent to most people at both Geilenkirchen and Spangdahlem AB, the change provides the unit more direct access into the 52nd SPTG, Koehler said.

"The reorganization gives me much more direct access," Koehler said. "With the previous structure, I reported to the NATO commander, who in turn reports to a commander in

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## Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Cassandra A. Watts

52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

There were four major and nine minor accidents involving Americans this week in the Eifel.

One major accident happened when an American driver hit a local national's car head-on. The American driver was traveling on L-46 when he lost control of his vehicle, swerved into the other lane and struck the other vehicle. The American was transported to the Trier Krankenhaus for medical treatment. Both vehicles were towed from the accident scene.

The second major accident involved a multiple vehicle collision at the Metterich/Huttingen intersection on B-50. After investigating the accident it was revealed that a 1988 Mercedes attempted to make a U-turn and caused the vehicle immediately behind it to come to a sudden stop, initiating a chain reaction of rear-end collisions. Three vehicles were involved and two people were transported to the Krankenhaus with complaints of neck injuries.

The minor accidents included:

- Three in parking lots
- Three as a result of improper backing
- One caused by inattentive driving

There were 69 citations issued this week. Of those, 14 were violations on B-50. The number issued decreased from the previous week.

As a reminder, even though the 52nd Fighter Wing has a new commander, the B-50 Wing policy is still in effect.

### Is there anybody out there?

Staff Sgt. Mark Hiers, 52nd Communications Squadron network infrastructure technician, checks the signal strength from a microwave shot at the relay station during a local communications exercise at Spangdahlem Air Base June 13. Microwave shots give the ability to extend communications services to users at greater distances without running cables.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

## GSU

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Belgium. This now links me to resources at Spangdahlem because I report directly to the command structure there, not via NATO.

"I'll actually be able to go and sit as a member of the support group command staff. Because of the NATO commander's responsibilities to the flying mission, he doesn't have the opportunity to do that." The unit is located about two hours northwest on a NATO base nestled along the borders of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"Because support services (at Spangdahlem AB) are too far removed as a result of the nearly two-hour drive, this unit was put here to provide the type of services people expect when they come overseas," Koehler said.

Those services include child development and family support centers, finance, postal, dental, medical, military personnel flight, civil engineering, security, communications and more.

Along with the reorganization at the 470th ABS, Koehler said a GSU Tiger Team is nearly finished with a report providing recommendations to the USAFE commander on how best to manage and operate the number of GSUs throughout the command.

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level of lead in drinking water here.

People should remember to flush their taps until the water reaches its coldest temperature before using it for drinking, cooking or making baby formula. The tap flushing has proven, indicated by sampling, to be effective in reducing water lead to levels so low, no lead can be detected. For more information, call Capt. Tim Allmann at 452-8348.

### Legal services

The 52nd Fighter Wing legal office offers services such as wills, living wills, powers of attorneys, notaries and other personal civil legal matters.

The legal office can not assist with criminal matters, privately owned businesses, claims against the U.S. Air Force agencies or officials, or legal issues or concerns raised on behalf of another person.

### Increased patrols

The Luxembourg police recently increased radar checks on all Luxembourg roads, particularly on A-1 between Luxembourg city and Trier. The speed limit on all Luxembourg roads is 90 kph and on Luxembourg autobahns is 120 kph. People who get caught speeding and can't pay the fine immediately will have their vehicle taken as security.

### Vehicle plates

The only authorized vehicle license

plates are those issued by a U.S. Army Europe community field registry station (pass and registration at Spangdahlem Air Base). People with USAREUR motor vehicle registrations aren't authorized to replace the issued USAREUR plates with customized plates made by a German local plate manufacturer.

Violators will receive a citation and have their plates confiscated. They also run the risk of having their registration cancelled. For more information, call DSN 386-7280.

### AMC pet test

Air Mobility Command, in coordination with their commercial Patriot Express partners, holds a three-month test initiative to allow movement of pets with containers weighing up to 150 pounds on all AMC Patriot Express missions. The test is in effect now through the end of August.

Those affected by this policy should call 452-6661.

### Mail hold

Postal regulations require parcels not claimed within 15 days to be returned to the sender. To prevent this from happening while on leave or TDY, postal customers should complete a PS Form 2258, "Temporary Mail Disposition Instruction," before departing the area.

By using the form, customers may elect to have their mail held or forwarded. Also, filling out a PS Form 3801, "Standing Delivery Order," allows a friend temporary authorization to pick up mail.

### Instructors wanted

The 52nd Communications Squadron seeks people with knowledge in Microsoft Office applications to instruct software training programs. Classes include software installation and configuration; beginner and intermediate Word, PowerPoint and Excel; beginner; intermediate and advanced Access; Hyper Text Markup Language; Web development; and FrontPage. For more information, call 452-5384.

### Vehicle washing

The only authorized washing area on Bitburg is the car wash near the old main gate. German environmental regulations deem Bitburg a water protection zone; therefore, water pollutants and soaps are to be used only in designated areas. Call 452-6082 for more information.

### Tip of the hat

The following are excerpts from Air Force Personnel Center's frequently asked questions list published at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/appearance/MainUniform/Folder/faq.html>.

■ Air Force members aren't authorized to wear the Marine Corps five-point style battle dress uniform hat.

■ Wearing anklets while in uniform isn't authorized. Information about bracelet wear can be found in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, table 2.5.

■ Name brands on eye wear frames or lenses is considered ornamentation and isn't authorized.

# U.S. military shows off at world's largest airshow

By Tech. Sgt. John Tomassi  
U.S. European Command Public Affairs Office

**PARIS, France** - More than 240 aircraft, including nine U.S. military aircraft from the Army, Navy and Air Force are on display at the 44th Paris Air Show June 16-25.

The biennial show opened under cloudy skies and periodic downpours, which didn't dampen the spirits of the approximately 250,000 people who attend the public day June 17.

With more than 1,700 exhibitors representing 43 countries, the Paris Air Show is the oldest and largest aeronautical show in the world.

The week long exhibition at Le Bourget, a small town just outside of Paris, offers the exhibitors a chance to display their aviation wares and offers the U.S. military a chance to promote standardization and interoperability of equipment with our NATO allies and other potential coalition partners.

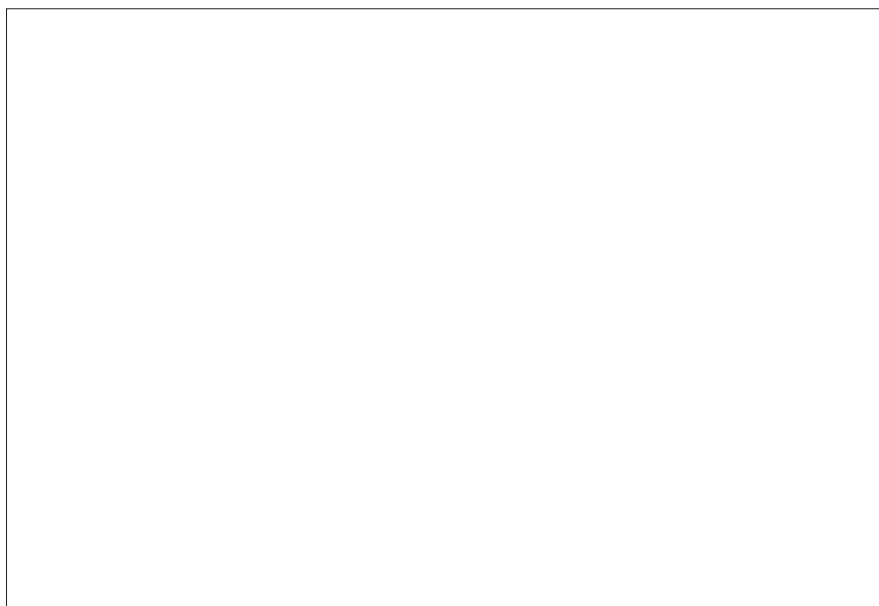
U.S. Military aircraft on display include AH-64 Apache, C-17 Globemaster III, C-29A Hawker 800, C-40 Clipper, CH-47 Chinook, F-15E Strike Eagle, F-16C/D Fighting Falcon, F/A-18F Super Hornet, UH-60L Black Hawk and an RQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

A big attraction for the crowd was the U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon. The F-16 is a multi-role fighter aircraft that can reach speeds up to 1,500 mph.

"I think it's cool and a big honor to be chosen from my squadron to represent the Air Force at the world's largest air show," said Staff Sgt. Dean Piersall, F-16 crew chief.

The Fighting Falcon on display at the air show is assigned to the 22nd Fighter Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. Another F-16 from the 23rd FS was also at the air show to perform aerial demonstrations. In attendance at the air show to provide aircrew, maintenance and administrative support were members of 22nd and 23rd Fighter Squadrons.

U.S. participation in the Paris Air Show highlights the



Tech. Sgt. John Tomassi

**Two F-16CJ Fighting Falcons from the 22nd and 23rd Fighter Squadrons at Spangdahlem Air Base were displayed at the 44th Paris Air Show from June 16 and continuing through Sunday. One of nine U.S. military aircraft displayed, the fighters helped show support to our allies at one of the world's premier events. Members of the 22nd and 23rd FS in attendance at the air show provided aircrew, maintenance and administrative support services. Participation in the Paris Air Show promotes standardization and interoperability of equipment with our NATO allies and other potential coalition partners.**

strength of the U.S. commitment to the security of Europe and demonstrates that U.S. industry is producing equipment that will be critical to the success of military

operation in the future. For more information on the air show, visit U.S. European Command's web site at [www.eucom.mil](http://www.eucom.mil).

## Wing members receive awards, commission opportunities

### Maintenance awards

U.S. Air Forces in Europe recently announced maintenance management systems awards.

■ Airman 1st Class Angel D. Chavis, 22nd Fighter Squadron, airman category

■ Master Sgt. Julie C. Foglesong, 22nd FS, senior NCO category

### Senior NCO Academy

Several 52nd Fighter Wing senior NCOs recently graduated from the Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. One person, Master Sgt. Sherry M. Rossi, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, was a distinguished graduate.

Other graduates include:

Senior Master Sgt. Richard D. Cochran, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron;

Senior Master Sgt. Michael A. Hedum, 52nd LSS;

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Martin, NATO AWACS;

Master Sgt. Todd L. Osier, 52nd Component Repair Squadron;

Master Sgt. Scott Hardin, 52nd Fighter Wing;

Master Sgt. Randy A. Weiss, 606th Air

Control Squadron; and

Master Sgt. Gary J. Vogt, 52nd Security Forces Squadron.

### Officer Training School

Two 52nd Fighter Wing members were recently selected for commissioning through Officer Training School.

Master Sgt. Stephen Dowd, 23rd Fighter Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Terry Daugherty, 52nd Communications Squadron, will be commissioned as second lieutenants upon completion of OTS.

### Early release program

Staff Sgt. Christopher Mitchell, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, was recently selected to enter the One-Year Professional Officer Course-Early Release Program. Mitchell will attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha this fall.

Senior Airman Jonathan Bates, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was also selected for the early release program.

### Embry-Riddle graduates

The following 52nd Fighter Wing members recently graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University:

Maj. Dale Larkin, 81st Fighter Squadron;

Capt. Matthew R. Beckley, 22nd Fighter Squadron;

Chief Master Sgt. John F. Gabaldon, 372nd Training Squadron;

Senior Master Sgt. Sylvester Thomas, 52nd Component Repair Squadron;

Senior Master Sgt. David C. Beihl, 52nd CRS;

Master Sgt. Patrick Brian Gallagher, 52nd Operations Support Squadron;

Master Sgt. Thomas M. Fisher, 52nd FW;

Master Sgt. Michael Pabel, 22nd FS;

Tech. Sgt. Max Scheck, 52nd FW;

Tech. Sgt. Alviz Lacanilao, NATO AWACS;

Tech. Sgt. Timothy J. Bottema, NATO AWACS;

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Quick, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron;

Staff Sgt. David H. Cook, 52nd OSS; and

Staff Sgt. Eydin D. Hansen, 23rd Fighter Squadron.

### IDEA awards

■ Tech. Sgt. Brian Schmidt, 52nd

Component Repair Squadron, \$200;

■ Tech. Sgt. Alan Tolsdorf, 52nd Operations Group, \$200;

■ Staff Sgt. Derrick Donnelly, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, \$600; and

■ Senior Airman Joseph Deslauriers, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, \$200.

### Scholarship winner

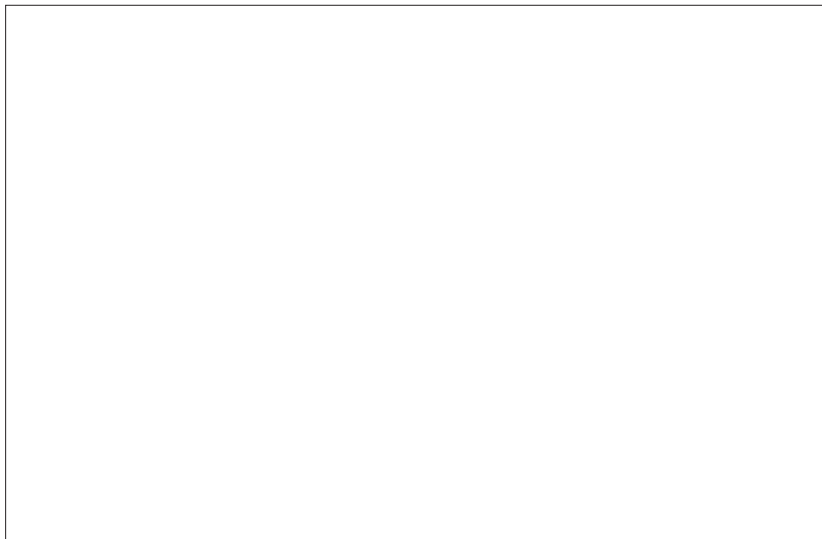
Recent Bitburg High School graduate Kimberly McClear was awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship from the Defense Commissary Agency. McClear plans to attend Florida A&M University.

She had to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, participate in voluntary school and community activities, demonstrate leadership qualities and write an essay on "What being a military dependent means to me."

### Eagle Scout award

Recent Bitburg High School graduate Nick Johnson has been awarded the distinguished Eagle Scout rank in scouting.

Johnson's Eagle Scout project was to replace parking lines and paint handicapped parking areas in the parking lot of a local church. He also put in a sports area for youth to use on activity nights.



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It's that time of year again when all of Germany celebrates the summer with a wide variety of activities. The Eifel area is no different. From flea markets to wine fests and from music concerts to major sporting events, there's something for everyone.

For those who would like find out more information on any of the following events, call the national telephone information office at 11833 (from a commercial phone) or the international telephone information office at 11834. Then ask the agent for a number to the tourist information office you would like to receive information from, by mentioning the name of the respective town.

Some dates may be subject to change with short notice by sponsors. The calendar doesn't include all summer events of the area.

Details on some major summer events will appear in a later edition of the Eifel Times.

**Today through Aug. 23**

Art On Cows 2001 features extraordinary cow art found in public spots throughout Luxembourg city.

**Throughout June**

The International Echternach, Luxembourg, Musical Festival 2001 offers music by world-famous musicians.

**Today**

Koblenz celebrates an old city festival with a variety of fun and entertainment.

**Today**

The opera Tosca by Puccini is at 9 p.m. at the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle.

**Today**

A Bach concert featuring Franziska Koenig on violin takes place at 9 p.m. at the Trier Viehmarkt Thermen.

**Today through July 1**

Trier's annual Peter and Paul fair takes place on Viehmarktplatz.

**Today through Sunday**

Trier sponsors its traditional old-city festival with music and entertainment featured throughout the center of town.

**Today through Sunday**

Enjoy a jazz festival on five open-air stages around the Worms Kaisersdom. For more information, call 06241-8534001 or go to [www.worms.de](http://www.worms.de).

**Saturday**

Listen to 35 jazz bands, featuring Combos and Big Bands. Enjoy New Orleans jazz, Dixieland and Classical Swing between 11 a.m. and midnight in Bingen.

**Saturday**

The "Sound of China" offers fascinating Chinese instruments and music at the

Weilerbach castle, near Bollendorf, Luxembourg. Call 06131-9251800 for details.

**Saturday**

The Beda Cultural Institute celebrates their 10th anniversary at 7 p.m. at the Bitburg Flugplatz Hall 300.

**Saturday**

A summer night festival takes place at the Veldenz Villa Romana.

**Saturday**

Enjoy a 'Fiesta de Salsa' on the Rhine River. Entry is at 8 p.m. with the Salsa boat departing at 9 p.m. Live music by Hector Rene Colon & Cub Rico plays, featuring sounds from Cuba and Puerto Rico. Two DJs will also entertain.

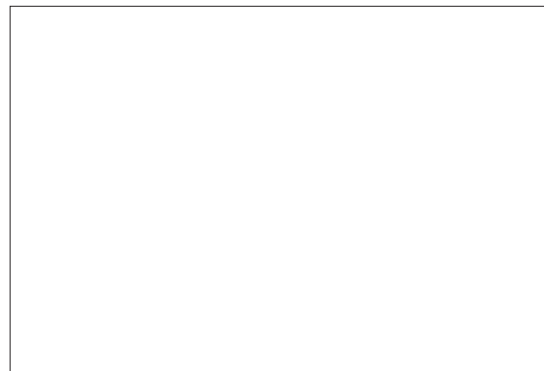
The Fahrgastschiff MS Karlsruhe boat departs from the Karlsruhe Rheinhafen harbor. For more information, call Jake at 452-7381.

**Saturday**

A classical concert takes place at 8 p.m. at the Weilerbach Schloss castle.

**Saturday and Sunday**

The 16th International volkmarching and 1st bicycling tracking event of Kyll am See association takes place.



**Saturday and Sunday**

Rittersdorf hosts a castle festival, featuring a handicraft and flea market as well as a variety of entertainment events.

**Saturday and Sunday**

Gondorf hosts their annual sports festival.

**Sunday**

The 18th International Trier run takes place featuring 21.1K (half marathon,) 10K, 3.7K and 2.15K (youngsters) runs.

**Sunday**

A public fitness run takes place at 10 a.m. from the Pruem Pruemzurlay Street/Europa bridge.

**Sunday**

The Irrel Westwall World War II museum offers a sightseeing tour at 2 p.m.

**Sunday**

A small summer festival takes place at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Bitburg St. Peter protestant church.

**Sunday**

Flea markets take place Sunday in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt; in front of the Moebel Kings furniture store in Ritterdorf, near Bitburg; along the Kinheim Mosel shore; inside and outside the Machern Cloister, at the Daun Forum; in front of the Landstuhl Concord Markt, outside the Neunkirchen Saarpark Center, outside the VoelklingenRathais and at the Kaiserslautern Messeplatz Messe hall A.

**Sunday**

The Kylltal Echo Hunter's brass band will perform a concert at 11 a.m. at the St. Thomas Cloister, located near Kyllburg.

**Sunday**

The community of Binsfeld hosts their annual sports festival.

**Wednesday through July 22**

Trier's annual Antiquity Festival features ancient Roman-style attractions and open-air performances such as a concert by the Orchestra Philharmonique of Luxembourg at 9 p.m. Wednesday; the opera "L'Orfeo" by Claudio Monteverdi at 9 p.m. June 29; the operetta "Orpheus in the Underworld" by Jacques Offenbach at 9 p.m. July 11-15; and the tragedy "Medea" by Euripides at 9 p.m. July 19 and 21-22.

One highlight is the popular Antiquity

wine probe, featuring ancient Roman food, wines and entertainment, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

**Wednesday and June 29**

The Bitburg ice skating rink offers roller skaters the opportunity to learn the sport and have fun at the Bitburg rink. Roller skating courses are from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information and to sign up, call the rink at 06561-8447.

**Thursday**

Enjoy Trier's annual antiquity wine probe, featuring ancient Roman food, wines and entertainment at 7 p.m.

**Thursday**

The 5th Mainz tent festival features 'Jethro Tull, the very best of ...' at the Mainz Volkspark.

**June 29**

The Bitburg city music association will perform their annual 'Peter and Paul' concert at 6 p.m. on Petersplatz, located in the pedestrian zone.

**June 29 through July 2**

The 48th International Folk Festival of Kroev takes place.

**June 29**

See the world-famous star tenor singer Jose Carreras in concert at 9 p.m. at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This unique event with the title "Classic Open Air" will attract many visitors.

**June 30**

The 8th International Pruem-Lauf run takes place in Irrel, starting at 5 p.m. from Hauptstrasse.

**June 30**

The American-Luxembourg Society invites Team Eifel members to an Independence Garden Party from 6 to 10 p.m. The location is the Parc Marveilleux in Bettembourg, Luxembourg. Entry is free. The U.S. Air Force Band will entertain. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call 00352-726426-5000 or 00352-799223.

**June 30 through July 1**

The community of Moetsch celebrates their annual village festival with a children's flea market, entertainment and a special olympics event. Call Mr. Dimmer at 06561-940111 for details and to sign up.

**June 28**

The Salzburg Chamber Philharmonic orchestra will give a concert at 8:30 p.m. at the Echternach Basilica.

**June 29**

The Virtuoses de Moscou music ensemble will perform a concert at the Echternach Basilica.

**June 29 through July 1**

The town of Saarburg will host their 25th Marktag, featuring more than 100 sales stands, music and entertainment.

**June 29 through July 2**

The 48th international folks dancing festival of Kroev takes place.

**June 29 through July 1**

The Big Annual Summer Happening, or BASH, takes place on the Bitburg Annex.

**July through August**

Jazz concerts are performed at the Trier Brunnenhof.

**July 2**

Herbie Hancock & Band will be in concert at the Mainz Zelt festival.

**July 3-5**

The European Fencing Championships take place at the Koblenz Oberwerth sports hall.

**July 5-14**

International artists' meetings takes place at the Koblenz Mittelrhein museum.

**July 6-7**

Kool & The Gang will be in concert at the Mainz Zelt festival.

**July 7**

An antique flea market takes place at the Koblenz Alte Viehmarkt hall.

**July 6-9**

Zeltingen-Rachtig holds a wine festival and Monday market.

**July 6-7**

The DAMC Oldtimer Festival, featuring

historical vehicles, food and fun takes place at the renowned Nuerburgring race track.

**July 7**

Exil-Aid-Open-Air features a rock concert with The Shanes, The Teenage Idols, Nanny Goat, THM Squad and Zoo at the Trier Exzellenzhau.

**July 7-8**

An antique flea market takes place inside and outside the Kroev Weinbrunnen hall.

**July 7-9**

Bitburg's international folk festival, formerly the Borderland Meeting, features an international theme with more than 35 groups from 15 different countries around the globe.

**July 7-10**

The annual Zurlaubener Mosel festival is in Trier with festivities planned along the Mosel River. Bands will perform along the Mosel River shore and a fireworks display is scheduled around 10 p.m. by the shore.

**July 14**

A Love Boat Party takes place at the Closter Sudhaus. For more information or tickets, call 0261-9219994.

**July 13-15**

A wine and forest festival takes place in Kroev-Koevenig.

**July 13-15**

Truck-Grand-Prix, Europe's greatest truck and country festival take places at the Nuerburgring race track, featuring great trucks, musical entertainment and more. Go to [www.truck-grand-prix.de](http://www.truck-grand-prix.de) for details.

**July 14**

A wine and street festival takes place at the Schleich Dorfplatz.

**July 14**

Magic Summer Night is the title for a classical music performance at 9 p.m. on the Kroev floating Mosel stage.

**July 15**

A vehicle-free bicycling day takes place in the Kyll area. Roads will be blocked off to traffic between Gerolstein and Kyllburg.

**July 16**

The Kroev summer market attracts people from all over.

**Aug. 4-5**

The annual Cochem Reichsburg castle festival takes place.

**Aug. 7**

The annual Laurentius market takes place in Mayen.

**Aug. 9**

Join the German-American club for dinner at 7 p.m. at the Speicher Hof Restaurant. For information, call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or 452-6802, or Marlies Wallen at 06562-3241 or 452-6063.

**Aug. 10-12**

Trier's Elbling wine festival takes place.

**Aug. 10-12**

The annual European Hot Air Balloon Meeting takes place at the Bernkastel-Kues Plateau. Rides will be available.

**Aug. 10-12**

A wine and street festival takes place in Kesten.

**Aug. 10-12**

Uerzig hosts a wine and town festival.

**Aug. 11**

The Koblenz Rhine A flame Festival takes place. The festival attracts more than 50,000 visitors every year and features carnivals, music, other special attractions and fireworks displays from the Ehrenbreitstein and Stolzenfels castles.

**Aug. 12**

The Bitburg flying sports association holds an event. On schedule is entertainment to include round-trip flights between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. from the former Bitburg Air Base.

**Aug. 12**

The international piano summer 2001 takes place through Aug. 31, featuring a variety of events at the Bad Bertrich Imperial Palace.

For details call 02674-932222.

**Aug. 17**

The Mosel town of Leiwen sponsors a wine festival with a festival parade and a public wine probe.

**Aug. 11-12**

An antique flea market takes place inside and outside the Kroev Weinbrunnen hall.

**Aug. 11**

The annual summer festival of Schweich takes place.

**Aug. 11-13**

Saarburg invites to their annual St.

Laurentius town festival featuring entertainment, a children's festival and Sunday shopping between 1 and 6 p.m.

**Aug. 12**

Thomas Schwab & Band will perform Open-Air "Summernight Specials."

**Aug. 17-20**

People can pig out at the annual Wittlich pig festival. This is a major, traditional festival which has gained much popularity through the years.

**Aug. 18-19**

Hahn in Motion features a variety of first-class entertainment in the air and on the ground. This event takes place at the former U.S. military base Hahn.

**Aug. 23 through Sept. 10**

The Luxembourg Schobermesse, also known as the Luxembourg Oktoberfest, is the biggest fair of the Benelux countries and attracts visitors from the borderland countries.

**Aug. 23-27**

Cochem celebrates the annual town and wine festival. A fireworks display takes place about 10 p.m. Aug. 26.

**Aug. 24-26**

The 22nd wine street festival of Zeltingen-Rachtig takes place.

**Aug. 24**

The wine town of Kluesserath sponsors a public wine probe.

**Aug. 24-26**

The ADAC International Races of Touring Cars take place at the Nuerburgring race track.

**Aug. 24-26**

Trier sponsors the annual Mosel-Saar-Ruwer champagne gala festival in front of the Porta Nigra.

**Aug. 24**

The 32nd Gerolstein Sprudel festival takes place in Gerolstein.

**Aug. 24-26**

Rachtig, a part of Zeltingen-Rachtig sponsors a popular street festival with Mosel wines and food specialties.

**Aug. 25**

The community of Schweich sponsors a children's festival around the Stefan-Andres school center.

**Aug. 26**

The town of Saarburg sponsors rowing championships on the Saar River.

**Aug. 25-26**

Historical celebrations take place at the Manderscheid castles on the Lieser River. Activities include puppets, magicians, musical entertainment, theater, jousting, horse riding performances and a traditional handicraft market. At 10:30 p.m. Aug. 25, there is a giant fireworks display.

**Aug. 30**

Anne Rieu will be in concert at the Trier Domfreihof area, located in front of the Trier Dom Cathedral.

**Aug. 30 through Sept. 3**

Join Bernkastel in celebrating its traditional wine festival of the middle-Mosel. Highlights include a fireworks display and a colorful parade.

**Throughout September**

A cultural festival takes place in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.

**Sept. 1**

The 1st European Military Music festival takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the Koblenz Oberwerth Stadion. Call 0180-52018 for details.

**Sept. 1-2**

An antique flea market takes place inside and outside the Kroev Weinbrunnen hall.

**Sept. 1-3**

The annual Saarburg wine and old city festival takes place, featuring a vast

entertainment program to include to crowning of the new wine queen, Sept. 1.

**Sept. 2**

A flea market takes place at 11 a.m. along the Koblenz Peter-Altmeier shore.

**Sept. 2**

The 8th Bitburg city run takes place. Start time is at 9:55 a.m.

**Sept. 6**

Join the German-American Club for dinner at the Zemmer Gasthaus Denis. Call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or 452-6802, or Marlies Wallen at 06562-3241 or 452-6063 for details.

**Sept. 7-9**

Zeltingen, a part of Zeltingen-Rachtig celebrates their annual street festival with wine tasting, Mosel food specialties and entertainment.

**Sept. 8**

Trier hosts a play and game festival in the center of town.

**Sept. 8-9**

The town of Mayen will host a special farmer's and handicraft market. Also, a castle festival takes place in Mayen.

**Sept. 8-10**

Koblenz hosts an old city fair and festival at the Festplatz or local fairgrounds.

**Sept. 11-16**

See Stomp in concert at the Mannheim Rosengarten. For tickets, call 0621-101011 or go to [www.kartenkaufen.de](http://www.kartenkaufen.de).

**Sept. 14-16**

A sports wagon championship festival and races take place at the Nuerburgring race track.

**Sept. 14**

The Mosel town of Fell sponsors a market, wine festival and public wine probe at the Fell festival grounds.

**Sept. 15**

Enjoy a Burgundy festival at 11 a.m. at the Koblenz Obere Loehr.

**Sept. 15**

The Rhine will be set a-flame with beautiful fireworks displays about 10 p.m. in St. Goar and St. Goarshausen. For more information, call 06741-383.

**Sept. 14**

The annual Koblenz Schaengel market offers a variety of fun activities and

entertainment in the center of the town.

**Sept. 22 through Oct. 7**

Start making plans and hotel reservations now for Munich's famous Oktoberfest.

**Sept. 22 through Oct. 7**

The 156th Cannstadt folks festival takes place.

**Sept. 23**

The German-American Club sponsors a trip to Heidelberg. For details or to sign up, call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or 452-6802.

**Throughout September**

The annual Bad Duerkheim Wurstmarkt takes place. It is considered Germany's largest volksfestival. It is a highlight event.

**Sept. 7-9**

The Great Prize For Europe FIA-Formula 1 world championship run takes place at the Nuerburgring race track.

**Sept. 29 through Oct. 7**

Moselland-Exhibition '01, the biggest trade and entertainment fare of this region, takes place in the Trier Moselauen fairgrounds.

**Throughout September**

"Around Burg Eltz" is the title of an annual volksmarch which features a 13-kilometer march through the countryside around Eltz castle. Sightseeing is a part of the event.

**Oct. 4**

Join members of the German-American club, at 7 p.m., for their monthly dinner at the Speicher Santorini Greek restaurant.

**Oct. 14**

Bitburg sponsors a farmer market. Stores are open Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m..

**Oct. 20**

The International ARD-Dancing-Master Championship Gala takes place at 7 p.m. at the Oberwerth sports hall, featuring 15 world-best dance couples performing Standard and Latin-American dances.

**Oct. 20**

The German-American Club sponsors a trip to Strasburg, France.

For more information and to sign up for the trip, call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or 452-6802 or Marlies Wallen at 06562-3241 or 452-6063.

**Oct. 20-28**

Munich hosts an annual Kirchweihdult, offering a market, entertainment and fun.

**July 28**

The popular Pop on the Rock concert takes place at the Lorely Open-Air stage. On schedule are No Angels, Glashaus, Orange Blue, Jennifer Davids, Ayman, Phil Lovell and Cappuccino.

**July 28**

"Back to the 80s" features music and themes from the 1980s at the Koblenz Circus Maximus.

**July 28-29**

The 10th International artist, juggler and trickster festival takes place in the Koblenz Altstadt or old city.

**July 28-29**

An oldtimer tractor meeting takes place in Piesport.

**July 29**

Best of Big Band Open-Air offers the SWR- Big Band, Max Greger, Paul Kuhn and Hugo Strasser at the Trier Kaiserthermen Roman Baths.

**Aug. 3-5**

Lake Biersdorf, located outside of Bitburg sponsors their annual lake festival, featuring a fire works display the last day of the event.

**Aug. 3-6**

The wine town of Zeltingen-Rachtig holds a wine festival and the 42nd Middle Mosel Riesling wine probe.

**Aug. 3-6**

The Trier Olewig wine festival features entertainment, as well as a fireworks display.

**Aug. 4**

The Pur Open Air 2001 "20 years for one band" concert takes place at 4 p.m. at the Koblenz Kurfuertstliches Schloss or Imperial Palace.

**Aug. 4**

An antique market takes place at the Koblenz Alte Viehmarkt hall.

**Aug. 4-5**

A Country-Festival features a Western-style horse ride meeting at the Dhronecken Wasserturm. For more information, call 06504-1662.



# Seniors say goodbye to Bitburg High School

Compiled from staff reports

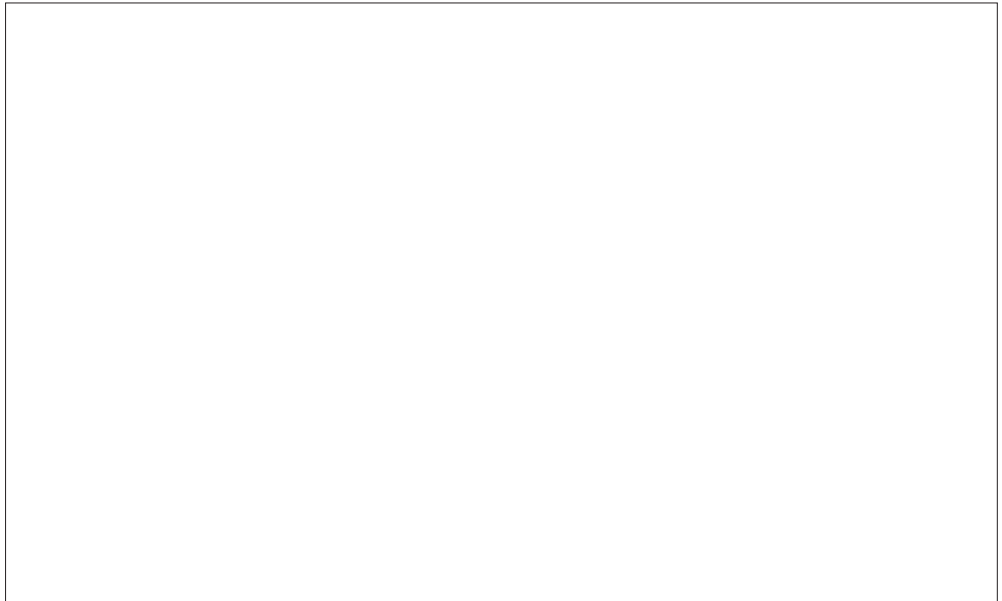
Bitburg High School held its graduation ceremony June 8 in Hangar 1.

Brittany Sanders, daughter of former 52nd Support Group Commander, Col. Gregg and Kim Sanders, was the valedictorian.

Justin Haugen, son of Senior Master Sgt. Wayne and Song Cha Haugen, 52nd Communications Squadron, was the salutatorian.

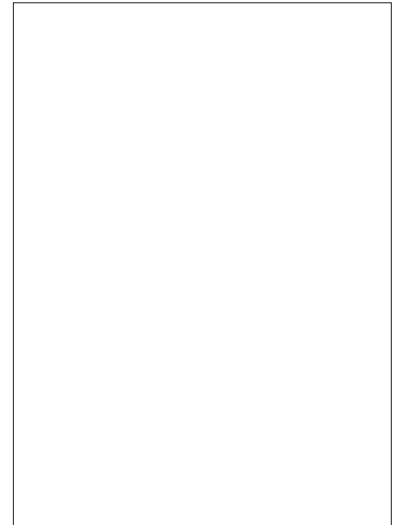
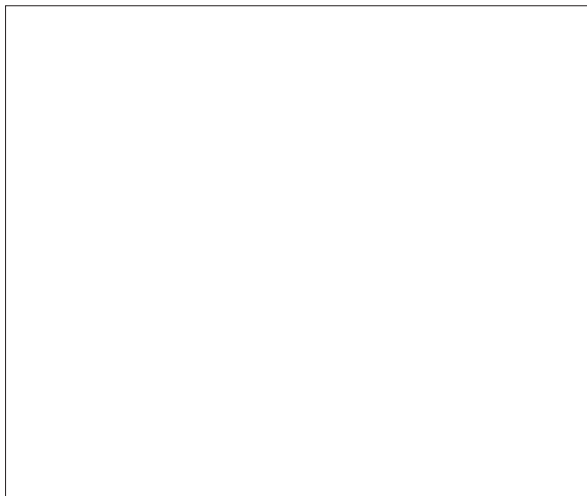
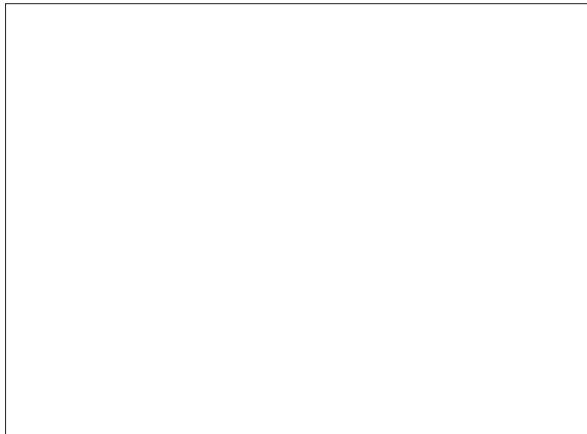
Other graduates were:

James D. Asher  
Jedidiah M. Balliett  
Tjarko I. Battle  
Brandon Black  
Lacey C.M. Blackburn  
Jessica A. Brei-Crawley  
Colby D. Cabbiness  
Cortlin J. Cabbiness  
Megan C. Calvert  
Wesley C. Calvert  
Wesley L. Canada  
Joseph A. Carr  
Haylie L. Collins  
Joshua B. Cooke  
Ashley L. Cottle  
Danielle N. Dittig  
Justin W. Dudley  
Matthew Flores  
Phillip A. Flores  
Christine M. Flynn  
William Freeland  
Kenneth Friend  
John A. Gabaldon  
Justin A. Haugen  
Cheryl L. Hehl  
Christina R. Hernandez  
Rolanda Jenkins  
Nicholas Johnson  
Jennifer Kempf  
Andre A. Lesane  
Otis E. Lockett IV  
Shenita L. Long  
Steven A. Mazzi  
Edward Tyrone McCormick  
James A. McClean  
Kimberly C. McClear  
Robert J. Negley  
Adam B. Pickett  
Charles Pierce  
Elizabeth A. Regaldo  
Matthew Reynolds  
Donielle T.P. Robertson  
Jason L. Robinson  
Amanda M. Rosel  
Brittany L. Sanders  
Andrew B. Schenck  
Lee C. SESCO  
Quinton A. Shackelford  
Kristen A. Swenson  
Joshua A. Talbot  
Kimothy M. Taylor  
Rebecca P. Thomas  
Jade M. Wanca  
Antonio J. Washington  
Dorca G. Williams  
Matthew Williams



Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

**Senior Justin A. Haugen, Bitburg High School Salutatorian, addresses the Class of 2001, faculty and guests at the Bitburg High School graduation June 8 at Hangar 1. Fifty-five seniors turned their tassels at the ceremony.**



**Above: Antonio Washington and Nick Johnson, two of 55 Bitburg HS graduating seniors, make their way down the aisle at the Class of 2001 graduation June 8.**

**Top left: Seniors from Bitburg HS make last minute adjustments to their caps and gowns before marching into their graduation ceremony.**

**Bottom left: Senior Kristen Swenson gives a hug of thanks during the graduation ceremony.**

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Bitburg Castle

Today

#### Chocolat (PG-13)

In the traditional French village of Lansquenet, life hasn't changed for the last 100 years. Vianne and her daughter Anouk open a chocolaterie filled with irresistible confections, awakening the townspeople's hidden appetites. But, her magical ability to perceive the villager's private desires and satisfy them with just the right confection slowly persuades a few to abandon themselves to her temptations.

Saturday

#### Just Visiting (PG-13)

Sunday

#### Heartbreakers (PG-13)

Max and Page are mother-daughter duo in the middle of a con job when Page falls in love. Morals are questioned, which force mother and daughter to square off and examine their relationship.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

#### Say It Isn't So (R)

Gilly is in love with Jo, finally finding the woman of his dreams. Then he's horrified to learn Jo might actually be his long, lost sister. Run out of town for partaking in a perverse relationship, he still pines for Jo daily. Months later, when he learns that Jo is going to marry, he leaves Indiana to travel to Beaver, Oregon, to stop the wedding. He stops at nothing to prove to Jo that he might not really be her brother and that they can live happily ever after together.

Thursday

#### Tomcats (R)

The Tomcats are a group of freewheeling, sex-fueled single buddies who go up against each other in a betting pool that will leave the "last man standing" unmarried with the jackpot. Fast-forward seven years to today, when they are all married and starting families with the exception of two confirmed bachelors.

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

#### Shrek (PG)

HIDEOUS green monster, Shrek, sets out on a quest to find his perfect wife - an equally ugly princess - and terrifies everyone he meets during his adventures. Based on the picture book by William Steig.

Saturday

#### Shrek

Sunday

#### Pokemon III (G)

Pokémon Annon comes to a girl named Mi because of a strange card left by her father. With the help of Annon, a crystal begins to enwrap a tower. Mi's solitude and loneliness makes the entire tower a crystal. Ash's mom, is taken to the crystal tower by Entei and Ash must rescue his mother and Mi.

Monday

#### Enemy at the Gates (R)

Expert Nazi sniper Major Koenig is sent to Stalingrad to kill any other snipers he finds. He soon finds himself locked in a sniper's duel and in competition for a woman's love.

Tuesday

#### Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13)

Life-long friends are determined to take their garage band into the stratosphere — while staying true to their own look, style and sound. Then one day they're discovered and offered success beyond their wildest dreams.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

## Community Mailbox

### Car wash

The Griffin Booster Club car wash and barbecue take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday near 52nd Supply Squadron building 103 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Donations are accepted.

### Girl Scouts

The Spangdahlem Air Base Girl Scouts needs team leaders and volunteers. Call Staci Freeman at 06565-958994 for details.

### Softball tournament

A coed intramural softball tournament takes place July 4-7 at the Spangdahlem Air Base softball fields. Cost is \$125. Prizes include cash awards for first through third place winners. Call Senior Master Sgt. Richard Aldridge at 452-6501 for details.

### National Guard opportunities

The Northeast Air Defense Sector of the New York Air National Guard seeks members to serve in full- and part-time positions. Call Lt. Col. Kacey Blaney at DSN 312-587-6536 or commercial at 315-334-6536 for job openings and other details.

### Post office news

The Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office offers the stamps Honoring Veterans, Nobel

Prize and Peanuts for 34 cents. Stamps Non-denominational Flowers and Apples and Oranges are also available for \$6.80 per book. Call the post office at 452-7182 for details.

### 81st Fighter Squadron

The 81st Fighter Squadron Enlisted Spouses Group meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in Bitburg Annex military housing building 6, unit F-3. Call Master Sgt. Thomas Hoag at 452-7082 for details.

### Air Force Ball

The Company Grade Officer's Council-sponsored Air Force Ball takes place at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7. This year's theme is NATO and Spangdahlem Air Base united in airpower. Tickets go on sale in July. For details, email Capt. Ratna Contractor.

### Free concert

The acapella singing group, Best Friends, from Lubbock Christian University, Texas, performs at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Spangdahlem Air Base movie theater. Call Master Sgt. Vernon Pickard at 452-6378 for details.

### Jehovah's witnesses

The following events take place at Lerchenstrasse in Bitburg for Jehovah's witnesses:

■ A public talk, "Global Peace -- from what source?" at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ A discussion on "Why did Jesus die?" at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

■ A theocratic school service meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday.

### Aerobics class

A new aerobics class takes place at 9:15 a.m. each Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Call Paula Pierce at 452-6776 for details.

### Substitute teachers

Spangdahlem Middle School is accepting applications for substitute teachers for next school year. In addition, those who would like to volunteer time, people are needed in the main office. Call 452-7259 for more information.

### TKS cable moves

TKS Cable is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in the Bitburg Annex Main Exchange Power Zone section. It's also open 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base BX Power Zone. Call 06561-948945 or 06565-933844 for more information.

### Vacation bible school

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel seeks volunteers to help with vacation bible school 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 6-10. Children ages 4 years to 6th grade are invited to attend VBS, regardless of religious affiliation. Sign up with the Spangdahlem chapel during the week or at both sides on weekends. Call Fran Lange at 06575-959857, Donna Coker at 06561-948983 or the base chapel at 452-6711 to register.